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Curios and Relics

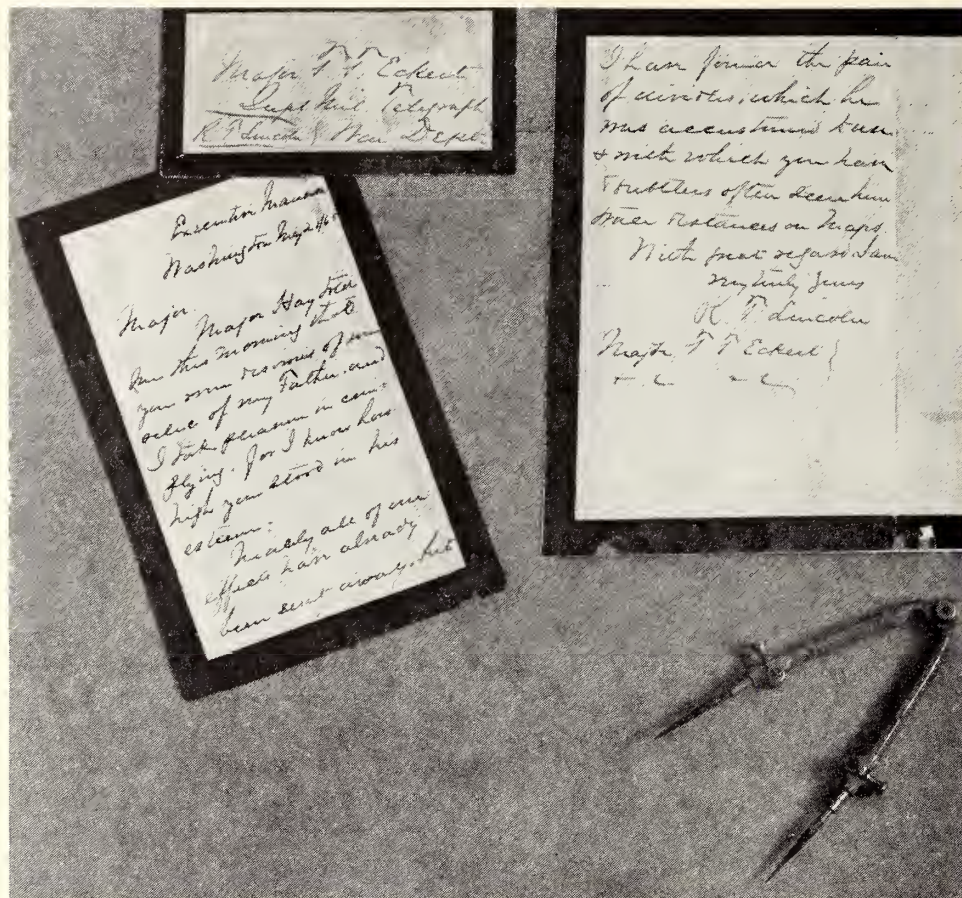
Tools

Dividers

Owned by Lincoln

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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AUTOGRAPH OF THE QUARTER

When Robert Todd Lincoln sent a memento of his late father to Maj. Thomas T. Eckert (at the latter's request), the message was especially poignant. On April 14, 1865, Pres. Lincoln had asked Sec'y of War Stanton if Eckert could accompany him to Ford's Theater that evening (Eckert had occasionally served as Lincoln's bodyguard). Stanton replied that he needed Eckert, who was General Superintendent of the military telegraph. Lincoln then asked Eckert, who declined due to Stanton's objection.

Pictured here is the letter Robert Todd Lincoln wrote Eckert on mourning stationery, together with Lincoln's dividers, which he sent. The President's son advised that his father had used these to measure distances on maps. From the collection of Elsie O. & Philip D. Sang.



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